



Sun-Earth Day Presents: ECLIPSE 2006

March 29, 2006

When is Sun-Earth Day?

Traditionally, Sun-Earth Day occurs on or near the Spring Equinox. However, in 2006 a total solar eclipse will occur just nine short days after the equinox! In response to this celestial event, the official date for Sun-Earth Day 2006 will be moved to March 29, 2006.

Sun-Earth Day Strategy:

Over the past six years, the NASA's Sun-Earth Connection Education Forum has sponsored and coordinated education and public outreach events to highlight NASA's Sun-Earth Connection research and discoveries. Our strategy involves using celestial events, such as total solar eclipses and the Transit of Venus, as well as Sun-Earth Day during the March Equinox, to engage K-12 schools and the general public in space science activities, demonstrations, and interactions with space scientists.

Sun-Earth Day Resources:

In collaboration with partners that include science centers and museums around the world, the Exploratorium, NASA Connect, Sun-Earth Connection missions, and others, we produce webcasts, other multi-media, and print resources for use by school and informal educators nation-wide and internationally. We provide training and professional development to K-12 educators, museum personnel, amateur astronomers, Girl Scout leaders, etc., so they can implement their own outreach programs taking advantage of our resources. A coordinated approach promotes multiple programs occurring each year under a common theme.

Sun-Earth Day Website:

The new Sun-Earth Day website will be launched on August 30, 2005 and will contain information for students, educators, scientists, museums and amateur astronomers! All web resources for *Sun-Earth Day 2005: Ancient Observatories, Timeless Knowledge* will be archived and remain on-line for your enjoyment!

<http://sunearthday.nasa.gov>